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## TEACHERS HOLD FIRST MEETING HERE SATURDAY

### Appoint Leaders to Handle Reading Circle Work During Term

## POLLOCK PRESIDENT

### Saturday Meeting Is First of Six To Be Held In This County During 1930-31 Term

The Martin County Teachers' Association held its first of the six meetings scheduled for the 1930-31 term here last Saturday afternoon in the high school building, a goodly number of the teachers from the eight-month term schools attending.

Professor T. O. Hickman, of the Jamesville Schools, opened the Saturday afternoon session with a short devotional exercise, Principal W. R. Watson, of this place, presiding over the meeting until the election of officers as follows: A. L. Pollock, of Jamesville, president; W. E. Plyler, of Hamilton, vice president and Mrs. D. N. Hix, Everetts, secretary.

While the meeting had to do mainly with the organization of reading circle work and assignments, various school instruction methods and a state organization of teachers were discussed. Superintendent Hicks, of the Plymouth Schools, representing the University of North Carolina Extension Division discussed the possible establishment of an extension class for the teachers of this county, a score or more of them stating their desire to enroll. Similar classes were held in neighboring counties last year, and several teachers from Martin attended the weekly meetings to receive regular college credits. Organization details could not be learned yesterday, but it is understood that a class will be held in this county provided a sufficient number of teachers enroll to warrant the carrying on of the work.

Talking briefly on the North Carolina Teachers' Association, Miss Eva Peel, teacher in the Robersonville Schools, stated that the schools there and the two here had enrolled 100 per cent in the organization and urged other schools to boost their membership percentage figures in the association to a like point. Several of the other schools reported splendid membership figures in the State organization, but still others had a limited number of teachers enrolled.

In carrying on the reading circle work, Superintendent R. A. Pope appointed the following leaders: Professors Pollock, of Jamesville, and Plyler, of Hamilton, high school; Mrs. Chas. Davenport, of Jamesville, and Mrs. P. E. Taylor, of Williamston, primary departments; Mrs. L. K. Brown, of Oak City, Miss Millie Roebuck, of Robersonville, and Messrs. T. O. Hickman and J. H. Smith, grammar grade department.

The next meeting of the association will be held in the high school here November 1.

## COMMISSIONERS OF COUNTY MEET

### Many People Either Seek Aid or Ask For Tax Adjustments

Meeting in regular session here yesterday, the Martin County Board of Commissioners passed only a few minor matters, and all of them were of minor significance. Practically all of the people appearing before the body either sought aid or tax adjustments. As a whole, the meeting was of the least importance of any one held during the last several months, it was stated by one of the officials after the commissioners had completed their work at an early hour in the afternoon.

Mrs. C. W. Bembridge was granted an allowance of \$5 per month, the amount once allowed C. W. Bembridge being ordered discontinued.

James Biggs was allowed the sum of \$3 per month.

During his stay in a State institution for treatment, William E. Raynor's family was granted the sum of \$10 each month.

Three dollars were provided for Bruce Senate each month.

Ned Andrews and his wife, Lizzie Andrews, were allowed \$4 per month.

R. J. Peel was released from the payment of \$2 dog tax, listed through error in Griffins Township.

Elbert Clark, of Bear Grass, was released of the payment of \$5 auto tax incorrectly listed in that district for the year 1929.

The bond of E. S. Peel, county attorney, for the collection of the remainder of 1929 taxes was approved.

## Kiwians Will Hold Their Regular Meeting Tomorrow

The local Kiwanis Club will hold its regular meeting tomorrow at the usual time, it was announced by the president, C. A. Harrison, this morning. Dr. J. S. Rhodes will have charge of the program and all members are requested to attend.

## Peanut Grading Available in This and Adjoining Counties

Martin and surrounding counties are again being favored by the Federal and State Departments of Agriculture this year by the location of a peanut grader here this season. It is the second season that the service has been made available to growers in this and near-by counties.

Mr. O. N. Henley, of Raleigh, grader on the markets in this section last year, has again been stationed here and already he has done some field work in advancing the grading system. "We are not here to tell the farmer what kind of peanuts he has, but we are here in an effort to assist him in establishing a standard basis upon which he might sell his crop to the very best advantage," Mr. Henley stated this morning. "Mr. Henley also stated that he is very anxious to explain the grading methods to any farmer, and assist

## SMALL DAMAGE RESULT OF FIRE

### Threatens Bargain Store on Main Street Here Late Saturday Night

A property damage of approximately \$125 was reported by Fire Chief H. D. Harrison here early last Sunday morning following a fire that threatened the Williamston Bargain House and its stock of general merchandise late Saturday night.

Leaving the store of O. S. Anderson and Company, just across the street from the Bargain House, Mr. Wheeler Martin saw smoke breaking through crevices in the wall, and he turned in the alarm. A quick service was offered by the volunteer firemen who forced an entrance and had the fire under control in a little over five minutes. No direct connections were made with the water lines, the use of the booster tank on the fire truck proving adequate in checking the blaze.

The origin of the fire, undetermined at this time, is being investigated by officers and insurance company representatives, it was learned yesterday.

The building is owned by the Episcopal church and contained a stock of general merchandise under the management of Messrs. O. G. Carson, of Jamesville, and Dick Wynn, of this place.

The fire started only a few minutes before Fire Prevention Week proclaimed by Governor Morrison, and had it not been discovered in the beginning, the flames would have been burning strong when the week set aside for fire prevention came in.

## DEATH OF MRS. MARY MANNING

### Funeral Service Held at the Home of Her Daughter Here Yesterday at 3

Mrs. Mary S. Manning died at her home on Smithwick Street here late Sunday evening after suffering from a complication of diseases for about two years. Mrs. Manning was 66 years old and had lived in this county all her life.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Manning was Miss Mary Nicholson, a member of a family of several children, only one of whom, a sister, Mrs. Bynum Wynn, surviving. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. J. Henry Gurganus, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, one of the great-grandchildren being 14 years old.

For many years, she had been a member of the Baptist Church. At the time of her death, she was living with her daughter and son-in-law, J. Henry Gurganus.

The funeral was held at the home at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. Chas. H. Dickey, assisted by Rev. W. F. Wiegmann. Interment was made in the family plot at the local Baptist cemetery.

## Head of Grading Service Inspects Work Here

Inspecting the government tobacco grading service here last week, Mr. R. B. Etheridge stated that he found it functioning satisfactorily in every way except one, "the patronage has been somewhat limited," the State Department of Agriculture representative said. He expressed a great desire for a more expressed cooperation on the part of warehousemen and their working forces by stressing the importance of the grading service.

During the past several years, the government has provided a grading service for potato and fruit service which has proved very satisfactory to the farmers, as well as to the buyers.

Visitor on Market Here Today  
Mr. P. W. Davenport, of Oak City, was a business-visitor on the local market today.

## CHOOSE MEN TO HANDLE ROADS IN BEAR GRASS

### Seventy-Five Citizens Attend Mass Meeting There Last Friday Evening

## NAMES GO ON BALLOT

### Meeting Provides Nominal Sum for Commissioners; Order Posting Of Annual Statement

At a mass-meeting held in the Bear Grass school auditorium last Friday night, around 75 citizens of that township selected its nominees for road commissioners during the coming term. The meeting was called by interested citizens when it was learned that no candidates had filed for the duties of road commissioners in the district.

Messrs. R. L. Perry, B. O. Cowin, Claude Whitehurst, John H. Roberson, and W. M. Harrison were unanimously chosen and their names have been handed to the chairman of the county Democratic Executive committee who will declare the five men as candidates for the road board, it was learned yesterday.

The meeting there last Friday evening was opened with Mr. Calvin Ayers as chairman and Mr. Will Brown serving as secretary. The various forms of naming the candidates were discussed and after the form was determined the selections were quickly made.

In addition to the election of the five men, the meeting passed resolutions providing compensation in the sum of \$9 cents to each commissioner attending the meeting of the board, the meetings being limited to 12 in number during the year. It was also provided that a statement of receipts and disbursements of road funds be prepared and posted in two places in the district.

## LOCALS WIN 6-0 FROM COLUMBIA

### Coach Bouknight's Boys Make Splendid Showing In First Game Friday

Displaying splendid form in the early part of the season, the local high school eleven last Friday afternoon registered its first 1930 victory turning a strong team of the Columbia High School back by a 6 to 0 score. Spectators following the sport last year, found an entirely different organization on the field last Friday.

Members of last year's line had been shifted to the backfield and new material was seen in the line, several of the leaders in the game last year being absent altogether.

The prospects of victory for the locals in the opening minutes of play last Friday were not very promising, but the game had advanced only a short time before Coach Bouknight's boys displayed that same old grit and determination that played such a prominent part in the enviable record established by Coach Hood's team last season. Columbia was placed on the defense while the locals suffered unfavorable breaks in their drives.

Receiving a difficult pass, Ab Clark crossed the visiting team's goal line, but the work failed when the run was ruled out on account of a side-line whistle that was blown when the run was in order. Taking the loss, the locals came back to register a score, Albert Cook taking the ball over for six points. The attempt for an extra point failed.

Facing a strong and determined opposition, the locals took to the air, registering a success that was unique within itself. Many end runs for substantial gains were made by members of both teams, with the advantage resting with the locals.

The victory last Friday renewed a marked interest in the sport on the part of local fans, and points to a successful season for the game in the high school here this year.

Next Friday, Coach Bouknight and his boys visit Morehead City where the team will play the Morehead City eleven.

## Text Assignments at the Farm Life School Friday

Preliminary arrangements to the opening of the Farm Life School next Monday morning will be made at the school building Friday afternoon at 2:30 when the children will be assigned their texts and lessons ready for study activities Monday morning. It was announced this morning by one of the school trustees.

Mr. A. E. Mercer, the school's new principal, is expected tomorrow from Elm City, his home, to take active charge, and the teachers have been notified to be at their posts of duty Friday.

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## Important Tobacco Meet To Be Held Here Next Friday

## Kehukee Association Closes Its Meeting Here Yesterday

### ATTENDANCE IS SMALLER THAN WAS EXPECTED

### Pungo Church In Beaufort County, Dropped From The Association

### 5,000 IN ATTENDANCE

### Thirty-Four Churches In Association Answer To Roll-Call Either By Messenger or by Letter

The Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association, made up of thirty-four churches throughout this part of the State, closed its 15th annual meeting at the Skewarkey Church here yesterday afternoon after three days of almost continuous preaching by Elders William E. Grimes, of Spring Green; Joseph Flythe, of Rocky Mount; F. W. Keene, of Raleigh; J. S. Corbitt, of Greenville; A. Harrison, of Virginia; J. N. Rogerson, of Bear Grass; Joshua Mewborn, of Snow Hill; Robert Boswell, of Wilson, A. B. Denson, of Rocky Mount; B. S. Cowin, of Bear Grass; W. B. Clifton, of Plymouth; W. M. Stubbs, of Pinetown; Julius C. Moore, of Whitakers; and Elder Joyner, of the Contentnea Association.

Favored with ideal weather and good roads, the meeting, the first to be held here in 43 years, was a disappointment as far as attendance was concerned. The people, 5,000 or probably more, came, but then the number attending was much smaller than was expected by the entertaining church.

Featured by the introductory sermon by Elder William E. Grimes, of the Spring Green Church, this county, the meeting proceeded Saturday morning, exercising an apparent care in the selection of its leaders and the transaction of its business. Following Elder Grimes' introductory sermon at 10 that morning, the members of the various churches making up the association listened to several of their leaders, who expounded the religious theories from an improvised platform under the stately pines, in the Skewarkey grove. Lunch was served at 12 o'clock, the approximately 1,200 people enjoying a feast of plenty spread on long picnic tables. Services were resumed and the first of the business sessions was called at 1 in the church.

Thirty-four churches responded to the roll call, either by messenger or letter. Three of the thirty-four churches, Pungo, in Beaufort; Bethlehem, in Tyrrell; and Great Swamp, in Pitt County, sent letters withdrawing from the association. The letters were discussed, but action was deferred until the yesterday session, when it was decided to drop the Pungo church from the association and allow the other two until next meeting to reconsider their withdrawal. In completing the business of the association, a motion was made and carried ordering the discontinuance of all correspondence with other associations except by minutes.

Beginning at a comparatively early hour Sunday morning, the members of the throng gathered at the church to hear minister after minister preach. The large grove was packed, and many visitors were forced to park their cars in near-by fields. For several hours old acquaintances were renewed, many of those coming continuing the practice when they found it impossible to hear the voices of the preachers on account of the large crowds. The heavily laden tables hardly cared for the approximately 3,500 attending the Sunday session. But the climax of the association meeting was about over, and yesterday the program was brought to a close with a few less than a thousand and of the church's followers present.

The next session of the association will convene with the Briery Swamp Church, near Stokes, in October, next year.

## AGED MANS BODY FOUND IN RIVER

### Andrew Jackson, Colored, Believed to Have Been Murdered

Andrew Jackson, aged colored man, of the Jamesville section, is believed to have been murdered late yesterday afternoon while fishing in the Roanoke, near Devils Gut. His body was found lodged in drift wood early this morning with a bullet hole in his forehead.

Leaving his home yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock to fish in Devils Gut near the old mill site of the Dennis Simmons Lumber Company, Jackson failed to return home at all last night, and a search was started this morning. Heated by King Hyman, a step-son, the old man's body was found in the river, a few feet from his boat.

Coroner S. R. Biggs was notified and he with Messrs. R. O. Martin, W. K. Parker, J. R. Manning, J. W. Warrington, W. G. Hardison and B. E. Davis, jurors, conducted an inquest, but a definite verdict is being withheld pending the outcome of an autopsy in the Biggs morgue here this afternoon.

Other than the rifle or gun shot wound, the body revealed no signs of foul play. According to a story told by workers in a logwood, a short distance from the spot where the body was found, rifle shots were heard near there yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock, and it is believed that the man was murdered at that time. No particular attention was paid the gun reports, and the killing was not known by officers until this morning.

Coroner Biggs is continuing an investigation of the killing, withholding certain information that is expected to throw some light on the case.

## LOCAL OFFICIALS MEET LAST NIGHT

### Routine Work Features the Regular Sessions of Town Commissioners

In their regular monthly session, the town board of commissioners disposed of practically every problem presented to it last night, except a sewer connection asked for Messrs. Jim King and Frederick Hoyt, representing the W. I. Skinner Tobacco Company. Mr. King made a strong appeal in the name of sanitation for the connection. The matter was referred to a committee, which will consult with an engineer as to the possibility of a sewer connection.

## TO DISTRIBUTE CONTRACTS AT MEETING HERE

### Contract Studied by Farm Agents at Meeting In Raleigh Yesterday

### ATTENDANCE URGED

### County-Wide Organization Is To Be Perfected and Committees for Townships Appointed

Martin County Tobacco farmers will assemble here in another mass meeting next Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock when they will receive copies of the marketing contract recently prepared by the Tobacco Organization Committee. The meeting which will be held in the courthouse is declared to be one of the most important so far scheduled in the interest of a tobacco cooperative marketing association and farmers from all parts of the county, in large numbers, are expected to attend.

Yesterday, in Raleigh, 75 or more farm agents studied the contract, and Mr. T. B. Brandon, representing this county, will explain the paper at the meeting here. According to present plans, township committees will be selected at the meeting next Friday and a drive for members is expected to follow immediately, but as far as it could be learned today, no signatures will be solicited Friday at the county meeting.

In a letter addressed by Governor Gardner to Mr. J. G. Staton here today, the purpose of the meeting and the plans for organization were set out, as follows:

"The purpose of this meeting is to acquaint the farmers with the tobacco marketing plan and then to elect a County Secretary to serve with yourself as chairman, and to set up organization committees of three men or women for each community; the community committee to designate a secretary and one member of their committee as chairman. The chairman of the several committees will make up, with yourself as chairman, the county organization committee.

"The State College, through either its county agent or the vocational teacher, or both, will assume the responsibility for the explanation of the contract for the co-operative marketing of tobacco at the county meeting, but the responsibility for getting signatures to the contracts must be with your county and community committees, and as rapidly as the contracts are signed it will be the duty of your county secretary to forward these contracts to Dr. J. G. Knapp, State College, acting secretary for the executive committee."

In concluding his letter to Mr. Staton, the Governor expressed a sincere hope that nothing would stand in the way of prompt action toward perfecting an organization.

The contract, too long for reproduction here, will be distributed at the meeting here Friday. "No man can hurt himself or suffer from working for this cooperative," Mr. George Ross, representing the Governor, said at the meeting held in Raleigh yesterday as to the value of the contract.

In explaining the contract, William Collins, Federal Farm Board expert and former official in the Burley Association of Kentucky, gave a few minutes to the attitude of the Board, at Raleigh yesterday before the various county agents. The Association, from the Board standpoint, is not organized to fight anybody or anything or solely for the purpose of securing a monopoly of tobacco or to withhold it from the market. The purpose of the Association is to go into the business of merchandising tobacco for the good of the farmer producer.

He urged the agents and teachers to tell the same story about the North Carolina contract and to tell a correct story. He explained the annual audit, the examination of the proposed association by the Federal Farm Board and the policy of no director or employee doing any business whatsoever with the association. Only tobacco growers are entitled to membership and the legal office will be at Raleigh.

Mr. Collins said the contract did not state how much tobacco would have to be secured to make the association effective on October 15. If in the opinion of the Executive committee enough tobacco is on hand, and notice is given in the press, the contracts are binding at once.

Mr. Collins touched the high spots in each section of the contract and clarified their meanings. He also answered many questions asked by the agents such as they would expect from their farmer friends.

When the association is finally formed

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